FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mike Cazes West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Port Allen, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary funds of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and fiduciary funds of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated December 29, 2008 on our consideration of West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 12, and 29 respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

December 29, 2008

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Mike Cazes West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Port Allen, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and fiduciary funds of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's office basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered West Baton Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Baton Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Baton Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the 's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the West Baton Parish Sheriff's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the West Baton Parish Sheriff's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the West Baton Parish Sheriff's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other matters

As a part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff, management, and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

December 29, 2008

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WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS June 30, 2008

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The auditors' report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.
- 2. No significant deficiencies noted relating to the audit of the financial statements.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office were disclosed during the audit.
- B. FINDINGS FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT
 - 1. None
- C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT
 - 1. None

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS June 30, 2008

- A. FINDINGS FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT
 - 1. None

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2008

This section of West Baton Rouge Sheriff's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Sheriff's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the Sheriff's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Sheriff's total net assets increased approximately \$1.2 million or 7.9 percent over the course of this year's operations.
- During the year, the Sheriff's expenses were \$1,185,714 less than the \$14.8 million generated in ad valorem, charges for services and operating grants for governmental programs.
- Expenses for the year were \$13.6 million, an increase of approximately \$1.8 million.
- The general fund reported a profit this year of \$67,537.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of four parts—management's discussion and analysis (this section), the financial statements, and required supplementary information, and other supplemental information. The financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Sheriff:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Sheriff's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Sheriff's government, reporting the Sheriff's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
 - The governmental funds statements tell how general government services like public safety were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
 - Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the Sheriff acts solely as agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Sheriff's financial statements, including the portion of the Sheriff's government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure of contents of each of the statements.

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2008

	Government-wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire Sheriff government (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Sheriff that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as public safety	Instances in which the Sheriff is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources
Required financial statements	Statement of net assets Statement of activities	Balance Sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances	Statements of fiduciary net assets Statements of changes in fiduciary net assets
Accounting basis and measurements focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long- term; the Sheriff's funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payments is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2008

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the Sheriff as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Sheriff's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets—the difference between the Sheriff's assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the Sheriff's financial health, or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Sheriff's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Sheriff you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the Sheriff's property tax base and growth of West Baton Rouge Parish.

The government-wide financial statements of the Sheriff include:

Governmental activities—most of the Sheriff's basic services are included here, such as police and general
administration. Ad valorem and sales taxes, state and federal grants, and fees, charges, and commissions for
services finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Sheriff's most significant funds—not the Sheriff as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Sheriff uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2008

The Sheriff has two kinds of funds:

- Governmental funds—Most of the Sheriff's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Sheriff's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- Fiduciary funds—These funds are used as depositories for civil suits, cash bonds, taxes, fees, deferred compensation plan, et cetera. Disbursements from these funds are made to various parish agencies, and litigants in suits, in the manner prescribed by law. These funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. We exclude these activities from the Sheriff's government-wide financial statements because the Sheriff cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SHERIFF AS A WHOLE

Net assets. The Sheriff's net assets increased between fiscal years 2007 and 2008 to approximately \$16.1 million. (See Table A-1.)

Table A-1
Sheriff's Net Assets

	Governmental			
	Activities			
	2008	2007		
Current and other assets	\$12,958,034	\$12,075,412		
Capital assets	3,390,384	3,127,698		
Total assets	16,348,418	15,203,110		
Long term Liabilities	232,556	272,962		
Total liabilities	232,556	272,962		
Net assets	_			
Invested in capital assets, Net of related debt	3,390,384	3,127,698		
Unrestricted	12,725,478	11,802,450		
Total net assets	\$16,115,862	\$14,930,148		

Net assets of the Sheriff's governmental activities increased 7.9 percent to approximately \$16.1 million.

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2008

Changes in net assets. The Sheriff's total revenues increased by 3.7 percent. (See Table A-2.) Approximately 27.9 percent of the Sheriff's revenue comes from ad valorem and sales tax collections from West Baton Rouge Parish. Another 1.5 percent comes from federal programs. Charges for services represent 37.9 percent. The remaining 32.7 percent is comprised of miscellaneous fees and commissions and other intergovernmental revenue.

The total cost of all programs and services increased approximately \$1.8 million. The Sheriff's expenses cover all services performed by its office.

Governmental Activities

Revenues for the Sheriff's governmental activities increased 3.7 percent to \$14.8 million while total expenses increased \$1.8 million.

Table A-2 Changes in Sheriff's Net Assets

	Governmental Activities			
	2008	2007		
Revenues				
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$5,623,216	\$5,859,418		
Federal grants	218,314	299,977		
State grants	14,494	10,211		
General revenues				
Taxes	4,156,268	3,753,964		
Miscellaneous	42 4,681	475,165		
Intergovernmental	3,948,107	3,388,050		
Interest	459,535	530,349		
Total revenues	14,844,615	14,317,134		
Expenses				
Public safety	13,658,901	11,849,030		
Total expenses	13,658,901	11,849,030		
Increase in net assets	\$1,185,714	\$2,468,104		

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2008

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SHERIFF'S FUNDS

As the Sheriff completed the year, its governmental funds reported a fund balance of \$12.7 million, an increase from last year of approximately \$1 million. The primary reason for the general fund's profit is the increase in revenue.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

• Over the course of the year, the Sheriff did amend the general fund budget.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of 2008, the Sheriff had invested \$3,390,384 in capital assets. (See Table A-3.)

Table A-3
Sheriff's Capital Assets
(Net of depreciation)

	Governmental Activities			
	2008	2007		
Land	\$211,356	\$211,356		
Buildings	1,581,770	1,640,656		
Equipment	1,597,258	1,275,686		
Total	\$3,390,384	\$3,127,698		

This year's major capital assets additions include:

- Communication equipment totaling \$152,413.
- Vehicles totaling \$522,988.

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2008

CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

There were no major capital asset deletions.

The amounts budgeted for capital outlay for the 2007-2008 fiscal year total \$414,043. This amount represents amounts for automobiles and equipment to be purchased.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Sheriff is dependent on ad valorem for 42.1 percent of its revenues. The economy is not expected to generate any significant growth. The 2009 budgeted revenues are expected to be consistent with 2008.

CONTACTING THE SHERIFF'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Sheriff's finances and to demonstrate the Sheriff's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, PO Box 268, Port Allen, LA 70346.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS June 30, 2008

<u>ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash	\$ 11,990,429
Receivables	665,954
Restricted assets:	
Due from other funds	301,451
Due from others	200
Total current assets	 12,958,034
NONCURRENT ASSETS:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	 3,390,384
Total noncurrent assets	3,390,384
Total assets	\$ 16,348,418
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES: Accounts, salaries, and	
withholdings payable	\$ 206,395
Due to other funds	21,005
Due to others	 5,156
Total current liabilities	 232,556
NET ASSETS Invested in capital assets,	
net of related debt	3,390,384
Unrestricted	12,725,478
Total net assets	16,115,862
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 16,348,418

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES <u>June 30, 2008</u>

		Progran	_	
Governmental Activities	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Net Expense and Changes in Net Assets
Public Safety	\$ 13,658,901	\$ 5,623,216	\$ 4,180,915	\$ (3,854,770)
General revenues:				4,156,268
Interest				459,535
Miscellaneous				424,681
Total general revenue	s			5,040,484
Change in net asso	ets			1,185,714
Net assets - beginning				14,930,148
Net assets - ending				\$ 16,115,862

GOVERNMENTAL BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2008

		Work Release	Other Governmental	
	General Fund	Center Fund	Funds	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,247,844	\$ 5,635,596	\$ 106,989	\$ 11,990,429
Receivables	526,170	118,747	21,037	665,954
Restricted assets:				
Due from other funds	60,503	218,807	22,141	301,451
Due from others	200		-	200
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,834,717	\$ 5,973,150	\$ 150,167	\$ 12,958,034
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 81,604	\$ 88,972	\$ 35,819	\$ 206,395
Payroll and related liabilities	•	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	21,005	21,005
Due to others	5,156	_	-	5,156
TOTAL LIABILITIES	86,760	88,972	56,824	232,556
FUND EQUITY				
Unreserved - undesignated	6,747,957	5,884,178	93,343	12,725,478
TOTAL EQUITY	6,747,957	5,884,178	93,343	12,725,478
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 6,834,717	\$ 5,973,150	\$ 150,167	\$ 12,958,034

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS June 30, 2008

Total Fund Balances at June 30, 2008 - Governmental Funds				12,725,478
Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2008 Less: Accumulated Depreciation as of June 30, 2008:	\$	6,124,231 2,733,847		3,390,384
Net Assets at June 30, 2008			_\$_	16,115,862

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED JUNE 39, 2008

		General Fund	Work Release Center Fund	Other Governmental Funds		Total
REVENUES	•	4 1 5 5 5 6 6	•	•	•	1150000
Ad valorem taxes	\$	4,156,268	\$ -	\$ -	\$	4,156,268
Intergovernmental revenues:				ao 071		
Federal grants		178,343	-	39,971		218,314
State grants:						
State revenue sharing (net)		55,787	-	=		55,787
State supplemental pay		411,781	-	; •		411,781
Dare Grant		14,494	•	-		14,494
Other State & Local Grants		3,480,539	=	-		3,480,539
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:						
Commissions on State Revenue Sharing		74,938	-	•		74,938
Civil and criminal fees		142,091	1,703,745	76		1,845,912
Court attendance		8,330	-	=		8,330
Court costs		23,084	•	•		23,084
Feeding and keeping prisoners		-	2,371,174	-		2,371,174
Miscellaneous commissions		1,243,755	48,172	7,851		1,299,778
Use of money and property:						
Interest		250,616	208,919	-		459,535
Sale of Merchandise		24,240	-	268,925		293,165
Loss on Damaged Assets		9,254	1,301	-		10,555
Rent		2,145	-	_		2,145
Equitable Sharing		53,373	•	-		53,373
Miscellaneous		65,170	273	•		65,443
Total Revenues		10,194,208	4,333,584	316,823		14,844,615
EXPENDITURES Public safety:						
Personal services and related benefits		6,473,325	2,141,333	•		8,614,658
Operating services		2,814,154	832,925	73,766		3,720,845
Material and supplies		268,928	90,361	38,979		398,268
Travel and Training		47,477		-		47,477
Capital outlay		522,787	129,664	11,200		663,651
Purchase of merchandise for resale			281,059	195,630		476,689
Total Expenditures		10,126,671	3,475,342	319,575		13,921,588
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		67,537	858,242	(2,752)		923,027
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		6,680,420	5,025,936	96,095		11,802,451
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	_\$_	6,747,957	\$ 5,884,178	\$ 93,343	\$	12,725,478

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Total Net Changes in Fund Balance for year ended June 30, 2008	\$ 923,027
Add: Capital outlay which is considered expenditures	675,402
Less: Depreciation expense for year ended June 30, 2008	412,715
Total changes in Net Assets, for year ended June 30, 2008	\$ 1,185,714

<u>WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF</u> <u>PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA</u>

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FIDUCIARY FUNDS June 30, 2008

	Sheriff's Fund	Tax Collector	Clearing Account	Inmate Account (WRC)	Account (Jail)	Total
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Total Assets	\$ 93,814	\$ 80,009	\$ 243,654	\$ 1,183,321	\$ 76,574	\$ 1,677,372
	93,814	80,009	243,654	1,183,321	76,574	1,677,372
LIABILITIES Due to taxing bodies and others Total Liabilities	93,814	80,009	243,654	1,183,321	76,574	1,677,372
	93,814	80,009	243,654	1,183,321	76,574	1,677,372
NET ASSETS	<u> </u>	<u>s</u> -	<u>\$</u>	<u> </u>	<u>s -</u>	<u>s</u> -

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided by Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the sheriff serves a four-year term as the chief executive officer of the law enforcement district and ex-officio tax collector of the parish. The sheriff administers the parish jail system and exercises duties required by the parish court system, such as providing bailiffs, executing orders of the court, and serving subpoenas.

As the chief law enforcement officer of the parish, the sheriff has the responsibility for enforcing state and local laws and ordinances within the territorial boundaries of the parish. The sheriff provides protection to the residents of the parish through on-site patrols and investigations and serves the residents of the parish through the establishment of neighborhood watch programs, anti-drug abuse programs, et cetera. In addition, when requested, the sheriff provides assistance to other law enforcement agencies within the parish.

As the ex-officio tax collector of the parish, the sheriff is responsible for collecting and distributing ad valorem property taxes, parish occupational licenses, state revenue sharing funds, and fines, costs, and bond forfeitures imposed by the district court.

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS:

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (the Sheriff). These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Sheriff's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The fund financial statements provide information about the Sheriff's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category- governmental and fiduciary- are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds.

The Sheriff reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1422, is the principal fund of the sheriff's office and accounts for the operations of the sheriff's office. The sheriff's primary source of revenue is an ad valorem tax levied by the law enforcement district. Other sources of revenue include sales tax, commissions on state revenue sharing, state supplemental pay for deputies, civil and criminal fees, fees for court attendance, and maintenance of prisoners, et cetera. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

The Sheriff reports the following fund types:

Agency Funds

The agency funds are used as depositories for civil suits, cash bonds, taxes, fees, deferred compensation plan, et cetera. Disbursements from these funds are made to various parish agencies, litigants in suits, et cetera, in the manner prescribed by law. The agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. REPORTING ENTITY

GASB Statement 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Sheriff is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government, the Sheriff is elected, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement 14, fiscally independent means that the Sheriff may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt. The Sheriff also has no component units, defined by GASB Statement 14 as other legally separate organizations for which the Sheriff is financially accountable. There are no other primary governments with which the Sheriff has a significant relationship.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING/MEASUREMENT FOCUS

The Governmental Wide Financial Statements (GWFS) and fiduciary fund statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Sheriff gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Sheriff considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for claims and judgments and compensated absences, which are recognized are expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

All governmental activities of the Sheriff follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (continued)

D. BUDGET PRACTICES

The proposed budget for the year ended June 30, 2008, was made available for public inspection and comments from taxpayers at the sheriff's office during June 2007. The proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, was published in the official journal 10 days prior to the public hearing, which was held at the sheriff's office, for comments from taxpayers. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the sheriff.

All expenditure appropriations lapse at year end. Unexpended appropriations and any excess of revenues over expenditures are carried forward to the subsequent year as beginning fund balance.

Formal budget integration (within the accounting records) is employed as a management control device. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments.

E. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the appropriation, is not employed.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit accounts, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and other investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the sheriff may deposit funds in demand deposit accounts, interest-bearing demand deposit accounts, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Tax collections must be deposited in a bank domiciled in the parish where the funds are collected.

G. CAPITAL ASSETS

All capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical costs for assets where actual cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair value at the date of donation. The Sheriff maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives are not capitalized.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

G. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS, but are not reported in the FFS. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Estimated			
Asset Class	Useful Lives			
Buildings	40			
Vehicles	5			
Equipment	7			

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Sheriff has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

Employees earn from one to four weeks of vacation leave each year depending on length of service. Vacation leave cannot be accumulated at year-end.

Employees may accumulate sick leave at a rate of seven hours per month. Sick leave may be accumulated.

At June 30, 2008, there are no accumulated and vested benefits that require accrual or disclosure.

I. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Sheriff is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; error and omissions. To handle such risk of loss, the Sheriff maintains commercial insurance policies, workers' compensation insurance, and surety bond coverage. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past four years, which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended June 30, 2008.

2. LEVIED TAXES

The sheriff has authorized and levied an ad valorem tax of 16.10 mills.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, are as follows:

Governmental activities:

	Land	Building	Equipment	Total
Cost of Capital Assets June 30, 2007	\$211,356	\$2,121,641	\$3,115,833	\$5,448,830
Additions	-	-	675,401	675,401
Deletions				
Costs of Capital Assets, June 30, 2008	211,356	2,121,641	3,791,234	6,124,231
Accumulated depreciation June 30, 2007	-	480,985	1,840,147	2,321,132
Additions	-	58,886	353,829	412,715
Deletions				
Accumulated depreciation, June 30, 2008		539,871	2,193,976	2,733,847
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2008	\$211,356	\$1,581,770	\$1,597,258	\$3,390,384

For the year ended June 30, 2008, depreciation expense was \$412,715.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2008, the sheriff has unrestricted cash and cash equivalents (book balances) as follows:

Petty Cash	\$ 1,300
Interest-bearing demand deposits	13,659,764
Total	\$ 13,661064

Restricted cash totals \$1,677,372 at June 30, 2008.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank.

5. CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The government does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2008, the government's bank balance was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

6. RECEIVABLES

The General Fund receivables at June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Class of Receivable

Local	\$125,159
State	401,011
Total	\$526,170

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. PENSION PLAN

Plan Description. Substantially all employees of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's office are members of the Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

All sheriffs and all deputies who are found to be physically fit, who earn at least \$850 per month, and who were between the ages of 18 and 50 at the time of original employment are required to participate in the System. Employees are eligible to retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service and receive a benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to a percentage of their final-average salary for each year of credited service. The percentage factor to be used for each year of creditable service is 3.33 percent. In any case, the retirement benefit cannot exceed 100 percent of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination as indicated previously. Employees who terminate with at least 20 years of credited service are also eligible to elect early benefits between ages 50 and 55 with reduced benefits equal to the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which they would otherwise be entitled at age 55. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Sheriffs Pension and Relief Fund, P. O. Box 3163, Monroe, Louisiana 71220, or by calling (318)362-3191.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 10.75 percent of their annual covered salary and the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 10.75 percent of annual covered payroll. As of April 1, 1996, the Sheriff's office also pays the employees contribution percentage. Contributions to the System also include one-half of one percent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish and funds as required and available from insurance premium taxes. The contribution requirements of plan members and the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's contributions to the System, including the employee's portion starting April 1, 1996, for the years ending June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$1,104,914, \$1,045,934, and \$590,909, respectively.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The sheriff does not provide continuing health care or life insurance benefits for its retired employees.

9. TAXES PAID UNDER PROTEST

The unsettled balances due to taxing bodies and others in the agency funds at June 30, 2008, include \$17,137 of taxes paid under protest. These funds are held pending resolution of the protest and are accounted for in the Tax Collector Agency Fund.

10. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

At June 30, 2008, the sheriff was involved in several lawsuits. In the opinion of the sheriff's legal counsel, the ultimate resolution of these claims would not create a liability to the sheriff in excess of existing insurance coverage.

11. EXPENDITURES OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PAID BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

The sheriff's office is located in the parish courthouse. Expenditures for maintenance and operation of the parish courthouse, as required by state statute, are paid by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		
REVENUES							
Ad valorem taxes	\$	3,802,500	\$	4,164,986	\$	4,156,268	
Intergovernmental revenues:							
Federal grants		8,500		48,435		178,343	
State grants:							
State revenue sharing (net)		51 ,89 4		55,788		55,787	
State supplemental pay		298,100	298,100 406,842		411,781		
Dare Grant		14,188	4,188 10,2		14,494		
Local grants		<u>-</u>		3,436,616	3,480,539		
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:							
Commissions on State Revenue Sharing		71,326		74,937		74,938	
Civil and criminal fees		1,251,550		1,312,614		142,091	
Court attendance		11,000		7,740		8, 330	
Court costs		31,000		21,484		23,084	
Feeding and keeping prisoners		-		_		-	
Miscellaneous commissions		-		_		1,243,755	
Use of money and property:							
Interest		275,000		253,000		250,616	
Sales of Merchandise		-		_		24,240	
Loss on Damaged Assets		-		8,500		9,254	
Rent		-				2,145	
Equitable Sharing		-		_		53,373	
Miscellaneous		17,000		63,395		65,170	
Sale of Assets		20,000		20,000			
Total Revenues		9,254,825		9,884,548		10,194,208	
EXPENDITURES Public safety:							
Personal services and related benefits		8,140,436		8,308,716		6,473,325	
Operating services		804,600		908,417		2,814,154	
Material and supplies		203,500		179,682		268,928	
Travel and other charges		29,500		48,543		47,477	
Capital outlay		210,000		414,043		522,787	
Purchase of merchandise for resale		-				_	
Total Expenditures		9,388,036		9,859,401		10,126,671	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(133,211)		25,147		67,537	
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		6,538,527		6,680,420		6,680,420	
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$	6,405,316	\$	6,705,567	\$	6,747,957	



SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special revenue fund accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purpose.

PRISONER WELFARE FUND

The prisoner welfare fund accounts for sales to prisoners in parish jail. Revenues are used to purchase recreational equipment, personal items, and items for resale.

DRUG TASK FORCE FUND

The River West Drug Task Force is a federal anti-drug abuse grant awarded by the Louisiana Commission in Law Enforcement to local law enforcement authorities to enhance their efforts in the prevention of drug traffic.

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Drug Task Force Fund		Prisoner Welfare Fund		Total	
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$	15,154	\$	91,835	\$	106,989
Recievables		21,037		-		21,037
Due from other funds		-		22,141		22,141
Total Assets	\$	36,191	\$	113,976	\$	150,167
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable		4,589		31,230		35,819
Due to other funds		21,005		-		21,005
Total Liabilities		25,594		31,230		56,824
Fund equity						
Unreserved-undesignated		10,597		82,746		93,343
Total Liabilites and fund equity	\$	36,191		113,976	\$	150,167

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Drug Task Force Fund		Prisoner Welfare Fund		Total	
REVENUES						
Intergovernmental						
Federal	\$	39, 971	\$	-	\$	39,971
Fees, charges and commissions						
for services		-	7,8 51			7,851
Civil and criminal fees		76	-			76
Use of money and property	-		-			-
Sales of merchandise		<u>-</u> .		268,925		268,925
Total Revenue	40,047		276,776		316,823	
EXPENDITURES						
Public Safety						
Operating services		39,940		33,826		<i>7</i> 3,766
Materials	-			38,979		38,979
Capital Outlay	-			11,200		11,200
Purchase of merchandise for resale				195,630		195,630
Total Expenditures		39,940	PH - 1-	279,635		319,575
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER						
EXPENDITURES		107		(2,859)		(2,752)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		10,490		85,605		96,095
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 10,597		\$ 82,746		_\$	93,343